

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Raymond
Massengill, Jr. of Bristol.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Raymond Massengill, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Massengill was the son of the late Raymond McClellan Massengill and Mary Louise Myers Massengill of Blountville; and

WHEREAS, He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees from the University of Tennessee and his Doctorate of Education from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill served with probity as the Assistant Dean and Director of Medical Education for both the Bristol Regional Medical Center and the Holston Valley Medical Center for East Tennessee State University, James H. Quillen College of Medicine, and professor of surgery-otolaryngology and member of the Department of Communicative Disorders, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, He was a charter member of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine, had served as Associate Professor of Medical Speech Pathology in the Division of Plastic, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery at Duke University Medical School in Durham, North Carolina from 1971-77, and as Director of Medical Speech Pathology in the Department of Surgery at Duke from 1964-73; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond Massengill contributed his time and boundless energy as a member of the Medical School Dean's Council, the Education Development Committee of the Bristol Regional Medical Center and East Tennessee State University College of Medicine, and as a member of the Institutional Committee on Graduate Medical Education. He was also a member of the Association for American Medical Colleges, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association for Surgical Education, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the American Cleft Palate Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill was a highly respected and admired member of his profession as evidenced by his countless honors, including his selection as a Fellow of the American Speech and Hearing Association, the Sixth Annual Duke Symposium on Orofacial Anomalies being named in his honor, and his two-time appointment by the Governor to the Tennessee Developmental Disabilities Council; he was also appointed by the Governor, at the request of State Representative Jason Mumpower, to serve on the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an elder and as a member of the A.C. Adams Sunday School Class; he also served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Bristol and on the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mount Museum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Massengill enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 45 years, Harriette Hargreave Massengill; and is also survived by two sons, Raymond McClellan

Massengill, III and his wife Mary, and Andrew Myers Massengill and his wife Mary; two daughters, Kim Massengill Seibert and her husband Ken, and Debbie Massengill Cornett and her husband Mark; his ten grandchildren; a sister, Mary Louise Massengill Jordan; and a brother, Myers Newton Massengill and his wife Jan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Massengill leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Raymond Massengill, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Massengill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.